

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application claims benefit to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. ~~06/479,733~~ 60/479,733, titled "A HIGHLY SCALABLE MULTI-PLANE MULTI-STAGE BUFFERED PACKET SWITCH," filed on June 19, 2003, and listing H. Jonathan Chao and Jinsoo Park as inventors (referred to as "the '733 provisional"). That application is incorporated herein by reference. The scope of the present invention is not limited to any requirements of the specific embodiments described in that application.